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AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN HOUSING STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 8-114d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development 4 shall award grants-in-aid to housing authorities, municipal developers, 5 [and] nonprofit corporations and housing partnerships operating 6 elderly housing projects pursuant to this part to hire resident services coordinators to (1) facilitate conflict resolution between residents, 8 including between seniors and younger residents, (2) establish and 9 maintain relationships with community service providers and link 10 residents to appropriate community services, (3) act as a liaison to 11 assist in problem solving, (4) assist residents of such housing to 12 maintain an independent living status, (5) assess the individual needs 13 of residents of such housing for the purpose of establishing and 14 maintaining support services, (6) provide orientation services to new 15 residents and maintain regular contact with residents of such housing, 16 (7) monitor the delivery of support services to residents of such 17 housing, (8) organize resident activities and meetings that promote 18 socialization among all residents, and (9) advocate changes in services 19 sought or required by residents of such housing. The commissioner 20 shall award grants-in-aid based on demonstration of need and

- 21 availability of matching funds. A joint application made by more than
- one housing authority, municipal developer, [or] nonprofit corporation
- 23 <u>or housing partnership</u> shall have the same preference as an
- 24 application made by one housing authority, municipal developer, [or]
- 25 nonprofit corporation <u>or housing partnership</u>.
- (b) The employment of resident services coordinators by a housing
 authority, municipal developer, [or] nonprofit corporation or housing
- 28 partnership operating elderly housing projects pursuant to this part
- 29 shall be considered an allowable expense.
- 30 (c) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
- 31 may convene monthly meetings of the resident services coordinators
- 32 for in-service training and information sharing. Training topics shall
- 33 include, but not be limited to, the health care needs of seniors and
- 34 persons with disabilities, mediation and conflict resolution, and local
- 35 and regional service resources.
- Sec. 2. Section 8-119h of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 38 Upon preliminary approval by the State Bond Commission
- 39 pursuant to the provisions of section 3-20, the state, acting by and
- 40 through the Commissioner of Economic and Community
- Development, may enter into a contract or contracts with an authority,
- 42 a municipal developer, [or] a nonprofit corporation or a housing
- 43 partnership for state financial assistance for a congregate housing
- 44 project, in the form of capital grants, interim loans, permanent loans,
- 45 deferred loans or any combination thereof for application to the
- 46 development cost of such project or projects. A contract with an
- 47 authority, a municipal developer, a nonprofit corporation or a housing
- 48 <u>partnership</u> may provide that in the case of any loan made in
- 49 conjunction with any housing assistance funds provided by an agency
- of the United States government, if such housing assistance funds
- 51 terminate prior to complete repayment of a loan made pursuant to this
- section, the remaining balance of such loan may be converted to a

53 capital grant or decreased loan. Any such state assistance contract with 54 an authority, a municipal developer, a nonprofit corporation or a housing partnership for a capital grant or loan entered into prior to the 55 56 time housing assistance funds became available from an agency of the 57 United States government, may, upon the mutual consent of the 58 commissioner and the authority, a municipal developer, a nonprofit 59 corporation or a housing partnership, be renegotiated to provide for a 60 loan or increased loan in the place of a capital grant or loan or a part 61 thereof, consistent with the above conditions. Such capital grants or 62 loans shall be in an amount not in excess of the development cost of 63 the project or projects, including, in the case of grants or loans financed 64 from the proceeds of the state's general obligation bonds issued 65 pursuant to any authorization, allocation or approval of the State Bond 66 Commission made prior to July 1, 1990, administrative or other cost or 67 expense to be incurred by the state in connection therewith, as 68 approved by said commissioner. In anticipation of final payment of 69 such capital grants or loans, the state, acting by and through said 70 commissioner and in accordance with such contract, may make 71 temporary advances to the authority, municipal developer, [or] 72 nonprofit corporation or housing partnership for preliminary planning 73 expense or other development cost of such project or projects. Any 74 loan provided pursuant to this section shall bear interest at a rate to be 75 determined in accordance with subsection (t) of section 3-20. Any such 76 authority, municipal developer, [or] nonprofit corporation or housing 77 partnership may, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of 78 Economic and Community Development, contract with any other 79 person approved by the Commissioner of Economic and Community 80 Development for the operation of a project undertaken pursuant to this 81 part.

Sec. 3. Section 8-119*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The state, acting by and through the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, may enter into a contract or contracts with an authority, a municipal developer, [or] a nonprofit corporation

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- or a housing partnership for state financial assistance in the form of a grant-in-aid for an operating cost subsidy for state-financed congregate housing projects developed pursuant to this part. In calculating the amount of the grant-in-aid, the commissioner shall use adjusted gross income of tenants. As used in this section, "adjusted gross income" means annual aggregate income from all sources minus fifty per cent of all unreimbursable medical expenses.
- 94 Sec. 4. Section 8-119x of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 96 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development 97 shall, in consultation with the Department of Social Services, the State 98 Building Inspector, the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons 99 with Disabilities, the Department of Information and Technology and 100 the Office of Policy and Management, establish a state-wide electronic 101 database of information on the availability of dwelling units in the 102 state which are accessible to or adaptable for persons with disabilities. 103 [Such] To the extent practicable, such database shall include such 104 information as: (1) The location of, the monthly rent for and the 105 number of bedrooms in each such dwelling unit, (2) the type of 106 housing and neighborhood in which each such dwelling unit is 107 located, (3) the vacancy status of each such dwelling unit, (4) if a unit is 108 unavailable, the date such unit is expected to become available or the 109 date when a waiting list is expected to open, and (5) any feature of 110 each such unit that makes it accessible to or adaptable for persons with 111 disabilities. [To the extent feasible, the Commissioner of Economic and 112 Community Development shall use information from the computer-113 assisted mass appraisal systems.]
- Sec. 5. Section 8-410 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 116 (a) As used in this section, "eligible applicant" means: (1) A
 117 nonprofit entity; (2) a municipal developer; (3) a housing authority; (4)
 118 a business corporation incorporated pursuant to chapter 601 or any

predecessor statutes thereto or authorized to do business pursuant to chapter 601 having as one of its purposes the construction, financing, acquisition, rehabilitation or operation of affordable housing, and having a certificate or articles of incorporation approved by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development; (5) any partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust or association having as one of its purposes the construction, financing, acquisition, rehabilitation or operation of affordable housing; or (6) any combination thereof if such combination includes a nonprofit corporation, housing authority or municipal developer.

[(a)] (b) There is established a fund to be known as the "Low and Moderate Income Housing Predevelopment Cost Revolving Loan Fund". The fund shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding. The fund shall be used to make loans pursuant to subsection [(b)] (c) of this section and to pay reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in administering loans under this section. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development may enter into a contract with a nonprofit corporation to provide for the administration of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Predevelopment Cost Revolving Loan Fund by such nonprofit corporation, provided no loan shall be made from the fund without the authorization of the commissioner as provided in subsection [(b)] (c) of this section.

[(b)] (c) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, may enter into a contract to provide financial assistance in the form of interest-free loans or deferred loans to [nonprofit corporations, housing authorities or municipal developers, or to partnerships which include a nonprofit corporation, housing authority or municipal developer,] an eligible applicant for predevelopment costs incurred in connection with the construction, rehabilitation or renovation of housing for low

and moderate income persons and families. Such predevelopment costs may include: (1) Feasibility studies, (2) expenses incurred in project planning and design, including architectural expenses, (3) legal and financial expenses, (4) expenses incurred in obtaining required permits and approvals, (5) options to purchase land, (6) expenses incurred in obtaining required insurance, and (7) other preliminary expenses authorized by the commissioner. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, financial assistance shall be limited to predevelopment costs incurred in connection with the construction, rehabilitation or renovation of housing for low and moderate income persons and families in the case of an eligible applicant that is a (A) business corporation incorporated pursuant to chapter 601 or any predecessor statutes thereto or authorized to do business pursuant to chapter 601 having as one of its purposes the construction, financing, acquisition, rehabilitation or operation of affordable housing and having a certificate or articles of incorporation approved by the commissioner, or (B) partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust or association having as one of its purposes the construction, financing, acquisition, rehabilitation or operation of affordable housing. Repayment of [such] loans or deferred loans shall be made upon receipt of permanent financing by the borrower, except the commissioner may forgive any such loan or deferred loan in any case where the forgiveness of such loan is in the best interest of the state and the borrower (i) is an eligible applicant that is a nonprofit entity, a municipal developer or a housing authority, or any combination thereof, if such combination includes a nonprofit corporation, housing authority or municipal developer, (ii) has made a good faith effort to obtain permanent financing, and (iii) has been refused such financing. [and where the forgiveness of such loan is in the best interest of the state.] If the eligible applicant is an entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subsection, the commissioner may forgive a portion of such loan or deferred loan based on the location of the housing as follows: (I) If the housing is located in a municipality that meets the affordable housing criteria set forth in subsection (k) of section 8-30g, then the commissioner may

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- 188 forgive up to one hundred per cent of such loan or deferred loan, and
- 189 (II) if the housing is located in a municipality that does not meet the
- affordable housing criteria set forth in subsection (k) of said section 8-
- 191 <u>30g</u>, then the commissioner may forgive up to fifty per cent of such
- 192 <u>loan or deferred loan.</u> Payments of principal on such loans or deferred
- 193 loans shall be paid to the Treasurer for deposit in the Housing
- 194 Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund. [In the case of a deferred loan,
- 195 the contract shall require that payments on interest are due
- immediately but that payments on principal may be made at a later
- 197 time.]
- 198 Sec. 6. Section 8-336m of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 199 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- As used in this [section] <u>chapter</u> the following terms shall have the
- 201 following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates a different
- 202 meaning or intent:
- 203 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.
- 204 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and
- 205 Community Development.
- 206 (3) "Department" means the Department of Economic and
- 207 Community Development.
- 208 (4) "Eligible applicant" means: (A) A nonprofit entity; (B) a
- 209 municipality; (C) a housing authority; (D) a business corporation
- 210 incorporated pursuant to chapter 601 or any predecessor statutes
- 211 thereto or authorized to do business pursuant to said chapter 601
- 212 having as one of its purposes the construction, financing, acquisition,
- 213 rehabilitation or operation of affordable housing, and having a
- 214 certificate or articles of incorporation approved by the commissioner;
- 215 (E) any partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company,
- 216 joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust or association having as one of
- 217 its purposes the construction, financing, acquisition, rehabilitation or
- 218 operation of affordable housing; (F) the Connecticut Housing Finance

- 219 Authority; (G) a municipal developer; (H) any community 220 development financial institution; or (I) any combination thereof.
- 221 (5) "Housing", "housing development" or "development" means a 222 work or undertaking having as its primary purpose the provision of 223 safe, well-designed and adequate housing and related facilities for low 224 and moderate income families and persons and includes existing 225 housing for low and moderate income families and persons and 226 whose primary purpose is to provide 227 accommodations for low and moderate income families and persons 228 but has dwelling accommodations for others.
- 229 (6) "Housing Trust Fund" or "fund" means the Housing Trust Fund 230 created under section 8-3360.
- 231 (7) "Housing Trust Fund program" or "program" means the housing 232 trust fund program developed and administered under section 8-336p.
 - (8) "Low and moderate income families and persons" means families and persons whose income falls within the income levels set by the commissioner pursuant to regulations adopted under subsection (a) of section 8-336q, except that the commissioner may establish income levels up to and including one hundred twenty per cent of the area median income, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - (9) "Municipal developer" means a municipality acting by and through its legislative body, except that in any town in which a town meeting or representative town meeting is the legislative body, "municipal developer" means the board of selectmen if such board is authorized to act as the municipal developer by the town meeting or representative town meeting.
- (10) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
- 248 (11) "State Bond Commission" means the commission established

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- 250 (12) "Treasurer" means the State Treasurer and includes each successor in office or authority.
- Sec. 7. Section 8-3360 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 254 (a) There is established the "Housing Trust Fund" which shall be a 255 nonlapsing fund held by the Treasurer separate and apart from all 256 other moneys, funds and accounts. The following funds shall be 257 deposited in the fund: (1) Proceeds of bonds authorized by section 8-258 336n; (2) all moneys received in return for financial assistance awarded 259 from the Housing Trust Fund pursuant to the Housing Trust Fund 260 program established under section 8-336p, as amended by this act; 261 [and] (3) all private contributions received pursuant to section 8-336p, 262 as amended by this act; and (4) to the extent not otherwise prohibited 263 by state or federal law, any federal housing funds or other public 264 funds received. Investment earnings credited to the assets of said fund 265 shall become part of the assets of said fund. The Treasurer shall invest 266 the moneys held by the Housing Trust Fund subject to use for financial 267 assistance under the Housing Trust Fund program.
 - (b) Any moneys held in the Housing Trust Fund may, pending the use or application of the proceeds thereof for an authorized purpose, be (1) invested and reinvested in such obligations, securities and investments as are set forth in subsection (f) of section 3-20, in participation certificates in the Short Term Investment Fund created under sections 3-27a and 3-27f and in participation certificates or securities of the Tax-Exempt Proceeds Fund created under section 3-24a, (2) deposited or redeposited in such bank or banks at the direction of the Treasurer, or (3) invested in participation units in the combined investment funds, as defined in section 3-31b. Unless otherwise provided pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, proceeds from investments authorized by this subsection shall be credited to the Housing Trust Fund.

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- 281 (c) The moneys [of] held in the Housing Trust Fund shall be used to 282 fund the Housing Trust Fund program established under section 8-283 336p, as amended by this act, and are in addition to any other 284 resources available from state, federal or other entities that support the 285 program goals established in said section 8-336p.
- 286 (d) (1) The commissioner may select an eligible applicant to be a 287 third-party contract administrator to administer a revolving loan fund 288 or to carry out some of the duties of the department under the Housing 289 Trust Fund program. The third-party contract administrator shall be 290 selected through a competitive process in the case of a contract having 291 a cost of more than fifty thousand dollars. No more than fifteen per 292 cent of the cost of the contract may be used for administrative 293 expenses.
- 294 (2) Moneys held in the Housing Trust Fund may be used by the 295 department and awarded to a third-party contract administrator for 296 the purpose of establishing or maintaining a revolving loan fund, 297 provided all outstanding loans are assigned to the department when 298 the third-party contract administrator is (A) no longer administering 299 the revolving loan fund; (B) in default of its obligations to the 300 department; or (C) no longer functioning as an entity.
- 301 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 8-336p of the general statutes is 302 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from 303 passage):
- 304 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development 305 may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 306 Management, solicit and accept contributions from private entities, 307 nonprofit and for-profit corporations, philanthropic organizations and 308 financial institutions, to support and expand the resources available 309 through the Housing Trust Fund. All such funds shall be deposited in 310 the Housing Trust Fund. Funding from any other local, state or federal agency may be deposited into the Housing Trust Fund, provided the 312 programmatic requirements of such agency does not conflict with the

313 purposes of the Housing Trust Fund program.

- Sec. 9. Section 8-37yy of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 316 (a) The Department of Economic and Community Development 317 shall, in consultation with the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability 318 Advisory Committee, established pursuant to section 8-37zz,* establish 319 and maintain the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Fund for the 320 purpose of the preservation of eligible housing. The moneys of the 321 fund shall be available to the department to provide financial 322 assistance to the owners of eligible housing for the maintenance, 323 repair, rehabilitation, and modernization of eligible housing and for 324 other activities consistent with preservation of eligible housing, 325 including, but not limited to, (1) emergency repairs to abate actual or 326 imminent emergency conditions that would result in the loss of 327 habitable housing units, (2) major system repairs or upgrades, 328 including, but not limited to, repairs or upgrades to roofs, windows, 329 mechanical systems and security, (3) reduction of vacant units, (4) 330 remediation or abatement of hazardous materials, including lead, (5) 331 increases in development mobility and sensory impaired accessibility 332 in units, common areas and accessible routes, (6) relocation costs and 333 alternative housing for not more than sixty days, necessary because of 334 the failure of a major building system, and (7) a comprehensive 335 physical needs assessment. Financial assistance shall be awarded to 336 applicants consistent with standards and criteria adopted in 337 consultation with the Irecommendations of the State-Assisted Housing 338 Sustainability Advisory Committee Joint Standing Committee of the 339 General Assembly on Housing.
 - (b) In each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the department may expend not more than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars from the fund for reasonable administrative costs related to the operation of the fund, including the expenses of the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Advisory Committee, the development of analytic tools and research concerning the capital and

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- operating needs of eligible housing for the purpose of advising the
- 347 General Assembly on policy regarding eligible housing and the study
- required by section 107 of public act 07-4 of the June special session*.
- 349 Thereafter, the department shall prepare an administrative budget.
- 350 [which shall be effective upon the approval of said committee.]
 - (c) [(1)] The department [shall] <u>may</u> adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section and sections 8-37xx, 8-37zz and 8-37aaa. Such regulations shall establish (A) guidelines for grants and loans, and (B) a process for certifying an emergency condition in not more than forty-eight hours and for committing emergency funds, including costs of resident relocation, if necessary, not more than five business days after application by the owner of eligible housing for emergency repair financial assistance. [The guidelines under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall provide for deferred payment of principal and interest upon approval of the committee.
 - (2) The department shall adopt written policies and procedures to implement such provisions while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, and the commissioner shall print a notice of intention to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days prior to implementing such policies and procedures. The department shall submit final regulations to implement said sections to the legislative regulation review committee not later than October 1, 2009. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.]
 - (d) In reviewing applications and providing financial assistance under this section, the department, in consultation with the [State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Advisory Committee] <u>Joint Standing Committee of the General Assembly on Housing</u>, shall consider the [long term] <u>long-term</u> viability of the eligible housing and the likelihood that financial assistance will assure such long term viability. As used in this section, "viability" includes, but is not limited to,

- 379 continuous habitability and adequate operating cash flow to maintain
- 380 the existing physical plant and any capital improvements and to
- provide basic services required under the lease and otherwise required
- 382 by local codes and ordinances.
- 383 (e) On or before February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
- 384 department [, in consultation with the State-Assisted Housing
- 385 Sustainability Advisory Committee, shall submit a report on the
- 386 operation of the fund, for the previous calendar year, to the General
- 387 Assembly, in accordance with section [11-4a] 32-1m, as amended by
- 388 this act. The report shall include an analysis of the distribution of
- funds and an evaluation of the performance of said fund and may
- include recommendations for modification to the program.
- 391 Sec. 10. Section 8-37zz of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 393 (a) There is established a State-Assisted Housing Sustainability
- 394 Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of the following
- 395 members:
- 396 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
- 397 who may be a member of the General Assembly;
- 398 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
- may be a member of the General Assembly;
- 400 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
- 401 Representatives, who shall represent a housing authority with one
- 402 hundred or more but less than two hundred fifty units of eligible
- 403 housing and be appointed from a list submitted by the Connecticut
- 404 Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment
- 405 Officials;
- 406 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall
- 407 represent a housing authority with fewer than one hundred units of
- 408 eligible housing and be appointed from a list submitted by the

- 409 Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and
- 410 Redevelopment Officials;
- 411 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
- 412 Representatives, who shall represent a housing authority with two
- 413 hundred fifty or more units of eligible housing and be appointed from
- 414 a list submitted by the Connecticut Chapter of the National
- 415 Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials;
- 416 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall
- 417 represent a housing authority with fewer than one hundred units of
- 418 eligible housing and be appointed from a list submitted by the
- 419 Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and
- 420 Redevelopment Officials;
- 421 (7) Four appointed by the Governor;
- 422 (8) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; and
- 423 (9) The State Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee.
- 424 (b) The committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall advise the
- 425 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the
- 426 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority on the administration,
- 427 management, procedures and objectives of the financial assistance
- 428 provided pursuant to section 8-37yy, as amended by this act,
- 429 including, but not limited to, the [establishment of criteria, priorities
- 430 and procedures for such financial assistance and the adoption of
- regulations pursuant to section 8-37yy, as amended by this act.
- 432 (c) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee shall be
- 433 selected by the committee from among its members. The chairperson,
- or the vice-chairperson in the absence of the chairperson, may establish
- subcommittees and working groups of the members as needed and
- designate a chairperson of each such subcommittee.
- (d) The initial term of the members appointed to the committee
- 438 pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (7), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this

section shall be staggered by lottery conducted by the committee. After the initial term, the terms of all members shall be three years. Members may be reappointed for an unlimited number of terms.

Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (17) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (17) A report on the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Fund along with an analysis of the distribution of funds, an evaluation of the performance of the fund and any recommendations for modification of the program established by said section 8-37yy, as amended by this act, if any.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	from passage	8-114d	
Sec. 2	from passage	8-119h	
Sec. 3	from passage	8-119 <i>l</i>	
Sec. 4	from passage	8-119x	
Sec. 5	from passage	8-410	
Sec. 6	from passage	8-336m	
Sec. 7	from passage	8-3360	
Sec. 8	from passage	8-336p(d)	
Sec. 9	from passage	8-37yy	
Sec. 10	from passage	8-37zz	
Sec. 11	from passage	32-1m(a)	

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 7(a), the sentence specifying that investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund not become a part of the assets of the fund was deleted for consistency with the other provisions of the section, and in the next to last sentence of section 7(a) "such funds" was changed to "the fund" for consistency within the same subsection.

HSG Joint Favorable Subst.

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